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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDECE

REF: CONG. MORGAN'S LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1976,

I RECEIVED TODAY YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 3, 1976,
REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
IN RIO DE JANEIRO DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 FOR YOUR
FRIEND, MR. GEORGE BORTZ. THE PERIOD COINCIDES WITH
CARNIVAL FESTIVITIES IN RIO AND MOST HOTELS HAVE LONG
SINCE BEEN BOOKED SOLID. HOWEVER, THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN
RIO HAS MANAGED TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS FOR AN AIR CONDITIONED
SUITE (BEDROOM AND LIVING ROOM) AND AN ADJACENT BEDROOM,
FOUR BEDS IN ALL, AT THE HOTEL GLORIA, PRAIA DO RUSSEL
632, RIO DE JANEIRO (LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE FLAMENGO
BEACH DISTRICT).

SINCE YOU SPECIFIED THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, THE ROOMS HAVE
BEEN RESERVED FOR MARCH 1-7; THIS PERIOD CAN PROBABLY BE
EXTENDED BY MR. BORTZ UPON ARRIVAL SHOULD HE FIND IT
NECESSARY. HOWEVER, THE ROOMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
PRIOR TO MARCH 1. THE RATE IS 1,080 CRUZEIROS
(APPROXIMATELY \$116) PER DAY--690 CRUZEIROS FOR THE
SUITE; 390 CRUZEIROS FOR THE ADJOINING BEDROOM.

AS THE CONSULATE CANNOT MAKE A ROOM DEPOSIT ON MR.
BORTZ'S BEHALF, IT WILL NEED WORD FROM HIM NO LATER

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THAN FEBRUARY 25, CONFIRMING THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

OTHERWISE, THE RESERVATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE
CANCELLED TO AVOID OBLIGATION TO THE HOTEL. AS
MAIL SERVICE WILL BE TOO SLOW AT THIS LATE DATE,
I SUGGEST THAT MR. BORTZ COMMUNICATE WITH THE
CONSULATE BY MEANS OF INTERNATIONAL TELEX
ADDRESSED TO MR. SILBERSTEIN, ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION, AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, RIO DE
JANEIRO. ALTERNATIVELY, HE CAN PHONE THE CONSULATE;
THE NUMBER IN RIO IS 252-8054 OR 252-8055. NO FUNDS
SHOULD BE SENT; MR. BORTZ CAN MAKE PAYMENT TO THE
HOTEL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL; I RECOMMEND TRAVELLER'S
CHECKS, AS PERSONAL CHECKS ARE USUALLY NOT HONORED.
OF COURSE, SHOULD MR. BORTZ CHANGE HIS PLANS AND
DECIDE NOT TO COME, THE CONSULATE WOULD STILL
APPRECIATE TELEX NOTIFICATION. I HOPE THESE ARRANGEMENTS
WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO MR. BORTZ AND THAT HE ENJOYS
HIS STAY IN BRAZIL.
SINCERELY,
JOHN HUGH CRIMMINS
AMBASSADOR
CRIMMINS

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